

# DRAFT Dufferin Aggregates Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Minutes

## **Meeting Date, Time & Location**

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 7-9 p.m. Blue Springs Golf Club, 13448 Dublin Line, Acton

#### **Participants**

Name	Organization
Norm Elliott	Local Neighbour
Monica Gunn	Vision Advisory Committee (VAC)
Geoff Knuff	Local Neighbour
Paul Vanhanen	Bruce Trail Conservancy
Ron Heller	Acton East Housing Corp.
Enzo Bertucci	Dufferin Aggregates
Rob McDougall	Dufferin Aggregates
Andrea Bourrie	Dufferin Aggregates

#### **Regrets**

- Shawn Steepe, Local Neighbour
- John McNabb, Acton Business Improvement Association

#### **CLC Facilitation and Support**

- John McHugh
- Tom Sargent

#### **Minutes**

- John McHugh called the meeting to order
- The committee reviewed the September 14 CLC minutes and were asked if anyone had any questions or concerns
  - Geoff Knuff asked about the Road Watch Program and Enzo Bertucci provided an overview of the program and how it was working
- Norm Elliot and Paul Vanhanen moved and seconded a motion to approve the minutes
- Minutes were approved by the entire committee
- Acton Quarry Manager Rob McDougall provided an operational update of the quarry
  - Dufferin is unable to change the location of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Side Road entrance due to a wetland area near the entrance



- The Acton Quarry is now essentially shut down for the year, with some maintenance work still ongoing
- The Quarry is dealing with is mud along Fourth Line Road and is working on solutions to keep it under control, but cooler weather makes washing it away difficult, due to periodic icing.
- Andrea Bourrie gave an application update and a "key issues" presentation to the CLC members.
  - JART is scheduled to host a Public Information Meeting on November 29, 2010 and a progress report will be issued in advance of meeting
  - The Ministry of Natural Resources' evaluation and mapping of significant wetlands and JESA habitat is still to be released
  - The final JART Technical Report is anticipated in late winter/spring 2011
  - The Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region are scheduled to host statutory public meetings in 2011
  - The deadline for formal objection letters was June 18, 2010 and Dufferin Aggregates received a total of 39 letters
  - By the end of June 2010, Dufferin had sent acknowledgement of receipt notifications to all individual/parties that filed objection letters and has committed to addressing all concerns by the end of 2010 via individual responses
- Norm Elliot asked Andrea Bourrie about the upcoming JART Public Information Meeting
  - O Andrea said that it will take place at the Acton District High School on November 29, 2010 between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and that all CLC members are welcome to attend if they would like to receive more information on the Acton Quarry application. Andrea added that it is anticipated Dufferin representatives will not make a presentation at the meeting, but will be there to answer any questions local residents may have.
  - Norm Elliot followed up by asking if the Public Information Meeting was purely informational or if people were able to come and air their objections to the quarry. Andrea Bourrie said that while JART will be recording comments, it is designed to be an information gathering event.
- Enzo Bertucci addressed a question raised by Geoff Knuff, about whether Dufferin Aggregates works with or has any agreements in place with the two area conservation authorities.
  - Andrea Bourrie said that Dufferin Aggregates does work with local conservation authorities, and needs to do more to educate local residents about existing environmental rehabilitation initiatives, including monitoring programs. For example, Dufferin's partnership work with conservation authorities includes their biodiversity pilot initiative in the Credit Valley area.



- Andrea Bourrie added the Ministry of Natural Resources recently issued a paper on environmental rehabilitation and Ministry representatives visited the rehabilitation efforts at the Acton Quarry and the extensive monitoring that is being done in the area.
- Norm Elliot asked about the proposed wetland areas at the Acton Quarry and whether Dufferin Aggregates has determined how much of the quarry will be allocated to marine life and how much will be recreational?
  - Andrea said Dufferin Aggregates has a very strong vision for what the rehabilitated quarry will look like and showed the participants a map of the proposed rehabilitation areas surrounding the quarry.
- Geoff Knuff asked whether Dufferin has considered the length of water expanse that birds need to take-off from lakes in the rehabilitated quarry?
  - Andrea said that has been considered and that the lakes will be big enough for birds to take-off from the water
- Geoff Knuff asked whether ground water levels will be affected by the Acton Quarry
  - Andrea Bourrie said that water levels would not be affected and that there is an excess of one million cubic metres of water available. The additional water can ultimately be used to help supplement flows into the Black Creek and 16 Mile Creek watershed.
  - The committee discussed potential opportunities to engage the community and talk about the proposed quarry expansion.
- Norm Elliot suggested that Paul Vanhanen organize a hike along the Bruce Trail near the Milton
  Quarry and invite local residents (outside of the CLC) to see Dufferin's rehabilitation efforts at the
  Milton quarry
- Andrea Bourrie showed the CLC participants photos of some of the rehabilitation after one year of growth in the Acton Quarry, including tree planting day, local vegetation and wildlife.
- John McHugh called the meeting to a close



### **Next Steps**

- Minutes for this meeting will be sent to CLC for review
- Andrea Bourrie said that Dufferin Aggregates would host all participants on a tour of the Milton Quarry in 2011, which is known worldwide for its rehabilitation efforts

## **Next Meeting**

• The date of the next CLC meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Blue Springs Golf Club.